

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Housing Dept.,-Institution of AP Lokayuktha and Upa-Lokayuktha in complaint No.701/2000/B2 – Allegations against certain officials in execution of work under Janmabhoomi Programme at Borabanda and Balkampet Hyderabad District – Further action against the officials of the Housing Corporation – Dropped – Orders – Issued.

HOUSING (RH.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.198

Dt. 16.7.2008.

Read the following:-

- 1) From the Registrar, Inst.of Lokayukta and Upa-lokayukta Lr.No.Dis 701/2000/ 82/Upalok/1994/2001, dated 16.2.2001.
- 2) From the M.D.,APSCHL Procds.No.A2(3)/2176/Hyd/2001, dated 25.10.2002
- 3) From the M.D.,APSCHL Procds.No.A2(3)/2176/Hyd/2001, dated 25.10.2002
- 4) From the M.D.,APSCHL Lr.No.A2(3)/2176/Hyd/2001, dated 7.11.2002
- 5) G.O.Rt.No.157, Housing (RH.1) Dept., dt. 17.5.2003.
- 6) Govt. Letter NO.889/RH.1/2001-3, dated 31.8.2006, 6.7.2007 and 9.4.2008.
- 7) U.O.Note No.889/RH.1/2001-12, Housing (RH.1) Dept., dt. 23.2.2008.
- 8) U.O.Note No.889/RH.1/2001-13, Housing (RH.1) Dept., dt.23.2.2008.
- 9) From the M.D., APSHCL, Lr.NO.Vig (4)/2176/Hyd./2001, dt. 14.5.2007, 17.11.2007 and 4.6.2008.

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ORDER:

The Institution of Lokayukta and Upalokayukta have taken a complaint as suo motu on the basis of news item published on 12.6.2000 in Telugu Daily “Eenadu” under caption “Corruption Intact and Constructions Dilapidated” to be evidence of corruption of officials in Janma Bhoomi works and enquired into the matter. The Registrar, Institution of Lokayukta and Upalokayukta with his letter 1st read above while forwarding copies of the order of the Institution of Lokayukta and Upalokayukta together with the reports of the Investigating Officer, requested the respective administrative departments to take appropriate action against the concerned. As per the report, the Investigating Officer, framed certain allegations against the public servants responsible for the irregularities in the execution of works under Janma Bhoomi at Borabanda and Balkampeta. The officials involved, pertains to QQUDA of M.A.& U.D. Department, T R & B and P R & R D (PR) Depts., as well as APSHCL. The following are the allegations pertains to Housing Department.

Allegation No.1:

It is alleged that a double storied building is being constructed with a substandard quality of work at Borabanda slum area with an estimated cost of expenditure of Rs 50 lakhs, that the substandard quality of work is exposed before completion of work, a slab laid on ground floor on the two rooms is damaged in the middle of the slab, wide holes are visible due to not observing the general rule of laying slab of 4” to 5” thickness and the iron rods are visible, that the officials are telling that slab is not laid on the above said two rooms, and it is the result of involvement of officials in malpractice.

Allegation No.2:

It is alleged that the construction of school building at Balkampet slum area started and stopped and left incomplete at the stage of laying pillars, that steel brought for construction is rusted due to rains is lying at the site which reflects the apathy and malpractice attitude of Engineering officials of A.P.Housing Corporation, Hyd.,.

2. In the reference 6th read above, necessary instructions have been issued to the M.D.,APSHCL to get the original records verified at the level of C.E. and submit report. Accordingly, the original records pertaining to the works executed by the Public Servants in question was verified by the then C.E O/o M.D.,APSHCL keeping in view the allegations / irregularities leveled against the public servants and submitted report to Government. In the references 7th and 8th read above, copies of the report were sent to the TR&B and P.R.& R..D.(Est.2) Departments, respectively for taking necessary further action against their officials. As seen from the report, the officials of APSHCL involved in the works are viz., (i) Sri P. Adinarayana Reddy, (ii) Sri K. Dharma Reddy, (iii) Sri D. Venugopala Rao and (iv) Sri S. Narayana Prasad

3. The Managing Director, AP State Housing Corporation Limited, who was consulted for his remarks, in his letter 9th read above, reported that the irregularities in the works executed under Janmabhoomi Programme at Borabanda and Balkampet Hyderabad District, are that the said works started without entering into an agreement with Contractor, spending of Rs.1850 lakhs, payment of Rs.15,000/- made to M/s. Cogent Consultancy for preparation of plan and structural design resulting to construction of class rooms at different levels, splitting the estimates into four parts to avoid referral to the competent authority. The said irregularities were occurred before joining Sri P.Adinarayana Reddy as District Manager (H), at Hyderabad and he being the administrative authority, has taken care to streamline the procedures as per the guidelines. With regard to Sri K.Dharma Reddy, Assistant Engineer (H), the M.D.,APSHCL has stated that the individual has not executed the works of school buildings at Borabanda as the work was stopped before his reporting to duty. With regard to Sri D. Venugopal, Assistant Engineer, the Managing Director, AP State Housing Corporation Limited, stated that the individual has taken charge after commencement of the work and by the time he took over the charge, the work was going on. As regards Sri S.Narayana Prasad, Technical Work Inspector, the M.D.,APSHCL has stated that he has been charged that he did not report about the site being not sufficient for play ground and open space. The agreement was finalized at District Manager level and the individual is not concerned with the said allegation.

4. Government after careful consideration of the circumstances stated by the M.D.,APSHCL in his letter 9th read above, decided that further action against viz (i) Sri P. Adinarayana Reddy, former D.M.(H), Hyderabad Cell now retired from service, (ii) Sri K. Dharma Reddy, A.E.(H), (iii) . Sri D. Venugopala Rao, former A.E.(H) now working as Dy.EE, Medak Dist., and (iv) Sri S. Narayana Prasad, W.I.(T) may be dropped, as the said officials were not involved.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against viz (i) Sri P. Adinarayana Reddy, former D.M.(H), Hyderabad Cell now retired from service, (ii) Sri K. Dharma Reddy, A.E.(H), (iii) . Sri D. Venugopala Rao, former A.E.(H) now working as Dy.EE, Medak Dist., and (iv) Sri S. Narayana Prasad, W.I.(T).

6. The Managing Director, AP State Housing Corporation Limited, shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER